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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SP US

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PRESIDENT TO VISIT SPAIN

REF: HELSINKI 1882

1. DURING MY CALL JULY 19 ON FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ RODO, HE SAID HE WANTED TO REPEAT THROUGH ME TO THE USG THE OFFICIAL INVITATION HE HAD EXTENDED TO PRESIDENT NIXON TO VISIT SPAIN DURING HIS TRIP TO EUROPE NEXT FALL.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMAL INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS CONSIDERING MAKING A PRIVATE TRIP INCOGNITO TO SOTOGRANDE SEPTEMBER 1, AND WOULD STAY THERE AT GEORGE MOORE'S HOME. ACCORDING TO THIS INFORMATION, THE PRESIDENT WOULD LAND AT ROTA (WHICH LOPEZ RODO WAS NOT PLEASED TO HEAR) AND GO FROM THERE BY CAR TO SOTOGRANDE. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, LOPEZ RODO SAID, WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF THE PRESIDENT CHOSE SPAIN AS A PLACE OF REST ON AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT BUT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WOULD FEEL SLIGHTED IF THIS WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN AS PART OF THE VISIT TO EUROPE. (LOPEZ RODO'S MAIN POINT SEEMED TO BE THAT SPAIN WOULD BE UNHAPPY TO BE EXCLUDED FROM A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO THE CONTINENT AND THAT IF THE PRESIDENT MADE AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT ONLY, THIS WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION AS A SLAP IN THE FACE.)

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3. LOPEZ RODO STATED THAT A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO MADRID  
NEED NOT BE EXTENSIVE, THOUGH A VISIT OF AT LEAST 24 HOURS  
WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THE PRESIDENT COULD BE ASSURED THAT  
HE WOULD RECEIVE IN SPAIN THE BEST RECEPTION OF ANY  
CAPITAL HE VISITED, AS WAS THE CASE BEFORE.  
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